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FIRST GAME SATURDAY AGAINST ST. LAWRENCE

Prospects for a Winning Team Are Bright—Drummond or Root to Pitch.

BAD WEATHER IS A HANDICAP.

Thirty Candidates for Team are now Busy Getting Over Lame Muscles. Men Line Up for Short Games.

"If the weather man should make his appearance on the Hill just now the greeting he would receive would be considerably warmer than any of the days he has passed out to us during the past two weeks," said Coach Pierce to a Life reporter yesterday. And that explains why, as the coach says, the pitchers have been so wild that they couldn't "break their way out of a hothouse."

For the St. Lawrence contest, which will be the opener of the regular season here next Saturday, the final line-up has not been definitely decided upon. Lyon and Miller will do the receiving, while the other end of the battery will be probably either Drummond or Don Root. First and third bases will be held down by Erhardt and Glover respectively, while the other two infield positions will go to two of the following men: Knox, Hallock, Batchelor, Roberts, McGibeny, and McMillan. Captain Root will cavort around in left field, as heretofore, and the other two fielding positions will be played by two from the remaining fielders, Watkins, Flagg, Lee, Turnbull or Crothers.

Every day during the past week thirty candidates for the team have worked their hardest and have acquried considerable form, in spite of the coldest spring that this College generation has seen here. Lame arms and sore muscles have been the rule rather than the exception, but the team is going to be a good one. In fact, it has been some time since the prospects for a winning ball team have appeared as bright so early in the season. The squad, divided into two teams, have been playing five inning contests every afternoon and thus has been getting into shape by actual contests.

We are about to toss the first ball in what Coach Pierce predicts is going to be a winning season. All the indications favor such a statement. Every man out at every game and help the team by attendance and support to his best ability. Batter up and play ball!

Edward Austin Sheldon, '47, has just published an autobiography which gives interesting glimpses of the College during the forties.

On Thursday evening, May 2nd, the Hamilton Glee and Instrumental Clubs will appear at the New Century Auditorium, Utica.

Any underclassman, who can lie, face down, on the gymnasium floor and raise himself with his arms fifty times without resting, Martin will excuse from gymnasium work for the rest of the year. Magnanimous!

Syracuse by debarring all Freshmen track candidates has excluded the entering classes from all athletic participation.

PLAN TO HONOR MAJOR ARCHIE BUTT MEETS WITH UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

Favorable Word Received from the University of the South in Answer to the Request that Monument to Hero of Titanic be Placed on that Campus.

TELEGRAM FROM SEWANEE ALUMNI.

New York City, April 30.

Students of Hamilton College—

Sewanee Alumni in New York greatly pleased at the movement started at old Hamilton to erect a memorial to Major Archie Butt, our late lamented alumnus, but we would suggest that all university students in the United States unite in this memorial as typifying the heroism of college men of America.

T. CHANNING MOORE,

President of N. Y. Alumni of the University of the South.

The above telegram was received yesterday by Dr. Stryker in answer to his letter to the Chancellor of The University of the South stating that the students of Hamilton College had voted to take the initiative in starting a fund for the purpose of erecting a monument to Major Archibald Butt on the campus of his Alma Mater at Sewanee, Tenn.

It is believed that Dr. Stryker's letter was referred by the Sewanee institution to the New York Alumni. Further particulars are expected.

The plan of erecting a monument to Major Butt was first broached in Chapel by Dr. Stryker Wednesday morning when he spoke of the untimely death of the hero of the ill-fated Titanic and suggested to the College that due recognition should be given him as a college man by the undergraduate body of the United States.

Dr. Stryker's suggestion was approved by the unanimous vote of the College and a letter was at once despatched to the Chancellor of the University of the South asking the permission of that institution to proceed with the plan.

Definite plans for the erection of a memorial have not, as yet, been formulated.

Major Archibald W. Butt was born in Georgia on September 26, 1865. Following his graduation from college he was for several years before the Spanish War a newspaper correspondent in Washington, where he represented some of the most important newspapers of the South. Later he was Secretary of the United States Legation at the City of Mexico under the ministry of Matt W. Ransom of North Carolina. Upon the latter's death he returned to newspaper work at Washington. On January 2, 1900, he was appointed assistant quartermaster of volunteers with the rank of Captain, and shortly afterward was ordered to the Philippines. While there he wrote several reports on the care of domestic animals in the tropics. These came under the eye of President Roosevelt and Butt was appointed his military aide.

On February 2, 1901, he was appointed quartermaster in the regular army and was sent to Cuba with the army of occupation. His service there was of a high order and within a month after he returned he was made personal aide to President Roosevelt.

Major Butt first became acquainted with President Taft in the Philippines and was continued as aide by the latter when he became President. One year ago last month he was promoted to major. It was said that he was the most widely traveled officer in the army, and that he knew more people between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts than any officer in the army or navy.

GRIFFIN WINS IN SEMI-FINALS.

Clinton Boy to Speak in Inter-scholastic May 19.

F. Stanley Griffin of Clinton was awarded first place in the semi-final interscholastic declamation contest held in the auditorium of Utica Free Acadmey Friday evening. Griffin, th winner of the contest at Clinton, spoke a piece used upon prize stage last year and entitled "The Money and the Man."

The contest, which included representatives from Binghamton, Carthage, Clinton, Gloversville, Oneida, Rome, Utica, Vernon and Waterville. was arranged by interested Alumni in Utica and demonstrates the success of Prof. Lewis' efforts. During the evening selections were rendered by the Mandolin Quartette consisting of Eells, '12, True, Porter and Kultchar, '13. Prof. Lewis presided while the judges were Hon. A. R. Kessinger, Rev. Henry White, Assistant District Attorney W. R. Lee, George M. Weaver and Dewey Carter.

FUNERAL OF PROF. WARD.

Held Tuesday Afternoon From College Chapel.

The funeral of Harry Barnes Ward of the class of 1896 was held from the College Chapel Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Stryker officiating. Burial took place in the College Cemetery. took place in the College Cemteery.

In referring to Prof. Ward, Dr. Stryker said in part: "Him whom we have lost occupied a unique place in our hearts. His genial presence made him dear to us. I can remember him distinctly as a Freshman. He was a good Freshman, a good Sophomore, a good Junior and a good Senior. He made a record of merit while in College. In referring to him now we may best remember him as a man. And when I pass away or you pass away the highest tribute that can be paid us is to be spoken of as a man."

The bearers were Prof. Brandt, Prof. Squires, Prof. Fitch, Prof. Morrill, Prof. Shepard and Prof. Ibbotson.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL GETS BIG SUM FROM MR. SOPER

Thousand Dollar Contribution For Use in Gym. Received—To be Used for Lockers.

TO BE INSTALLED BEFORE FALL.

Executive Council and Trustees May be Considering Remodelling Gym. and Using it Number of Years.

In fulfillment of his offer to secure $1,000 for the purchase of special equipment for the gymnasium, Mr. A. C. Soper has forwarded to the Executive Council of the undergraduate body a check for that amount. The sum is to be expended at the will of the Council through the generosity of Mr. James P. Soper.

Just exactly what will be done with the money has not been definitely decided. According to the present plans of the Executive Council, however, a large part of the amount will be used in the purchase of steel lockers. Whether the equipment will be sufficiently large for the entire College or merely for the various athletic teams is yet to be determined. In any event, they will not be ready for use until Fall. All hope of installing accommodations for the baseball and track teams this Spring has been abandoned.

The generosity of Mr. Soper has given rise to considerable comment about the Campus regarding the remodeling of the present gymnasium. It is known that the matter has been discussed at some length by the Athletic Committee of the Board of Trustees, and that several plans have been considered by the Executive Council of the undergraduates. One of these, it is said, includes the removal of the third floor of the gymnasium, the use of the second floor for the gymnasium proper and the erection of a gallery running track. Such improvements would necessitate the installation of a heating plant situated in the basement. Also included in the proposed plan is the remodelling of the first floor to provide space for additional locker rooms, as well as a dressing room for visiting athletic teams. It is claimed by supporters of the plan that the present gymnasium, if altered as suggested, will meet the needs of the College for some time to come. The matter will probably be considered at a further meeting of the Athletic Committee, which will be held prior to the regular meeting of the Trustees on May 4th.

Calder and Prescott, '15, have dropped out of the competition for the assistant-managership of baseball.

At the meeting of Square last Wednesday evening, Profs. Ibbotson and Carruth were elected honorary members of the society.

The Cub Reporter Says

Some patron of the drama that Freshman who gave us Hill Note—"Shirley Lawrence is back again."

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EDITORIAL.

K. P.

Exactly eight men from the present Senior class submitted Clark Prize orations. Nineteen men were eligible.

To quote Prof. Lewis, "nothing in the Department of Rhetoric and Oratory has been criticised as sharply as our K. P. exhibitions." It is scarcely conceivable that in a college, whose claim to fame has rested largely upon her ability to teach men to speak, interest in the art of oratory should gradually be dying out. The number of K. P. orations submitted this year is probably the lowest in the history of the department. There is no reason to believe, however, that this year's contest will be lacking in merit, and yet the lack of competition in the submitting of orations is not to the credit of the College.

The solution of the problem is near. Why don't men write K. Ps.? Because they are forever putting it off. Procrastination has done more to decrease the number of Clark Prize orations than any other single force.

Life does not believe in the pessimistic assertion that interest in K. P. is waning, but to the men of the present Junior Class it makes this suggestion: **The time to think about writing a K. P. is now.** The subjects will be announced in a short time. **The success of the Clark Prize contest next year depends upon you.**

Life agrees only too heartily with the sentiments expressed to the Junior Class by Prof. Lewis a week ago. "The wise thing for the undergraduates to do is to fall in step, not oppose our traditions. Let us have something more like a competition next year. The K. P. oration is supposed to represent the very best work that the very best men in theclass can do. I earnestly urge you men to begin work before Fall and to have your information under a process of digestion before the Christmas holidays!"

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Class Order.

The rule of class order in the College has stood the test of time and has added much to the dignity of exit at lla public exercises. In itself it is a matter of comparatively small importance, and yet one which should not pass unnoticed. The straggling haste of the Freshmen to leave Commons at the College dinner a week ago last night was not altogether a pleasing spectacle.

Since the College has adopted the rule of class order a more strict observance of it on the part of every man is not an unreasonable request.

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The Culture Club.

Awakened by Owen Johnson's stirring indictment of the ignorance of the present-day college student and by the realization that it is to a large extent true, a group of Seniors have organized what seems to possess great possibilities for inducing students to take more interest in general reading. While purely tentative, the plans at least are significant of the unrest every college man who has read Johnson's story is coming to feel. The average man is appalled at his ignorance in any number of subjects which, are commonly supposed to make up a liberal education, yet only the exceptional man is attenmpting to acquire knowledge beyond that included in his regular courses of study. Many hide behind the good old excuse, "I haven't time." Nonsense! We all sit and twiddle our thumbs for want of something to do. Some educators, recalling the days when students discussed Paradise Lost, as we now do the box-scores, condemn the student activities for having distracted the energies of the students from reading. Yet such an extreme step as abolishing athletics or any other of our activities is entirely unnecessary. No man should plead lack of time in which to read. He should be willing to sacrifice some of the hours spent each weke at the bridge-table or in devouring the Popular or Robert Chamber's latest.

On the other hand, no man can afford to sacrifice the companionship of his fellows—that so potent a factor in college life and peculiarly so, we proudly claim, here at Hamilton—for reading, general or specific. Too great eagerness for knowledge is also capable of harm.

This Culture Club, or whatever it chooses to call itself, affords two great advantages: General knowledge not to be obtained in regular courses, and the opportunity "to talk things over with the fellows." If it works well, it will be a much-needed bond of interest between the "Bohner" and the mental conservationist. Life heartily supports the scheme.

The success of this movement depends of course upon how much the students are willing to do for their own welfare. The capable organizers should lend a hand in arousing and maintaining enthusiasm. Yet none should join the club with half-hearted zeal; his trifling attitude will do more harm than his mere presence will do good.

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The New Cut System.

More than a week has passed since the announcement of the new regulations governing allowed absences; sentiment has crystalized and prevailing opinion within the student body holds that the Faculty has made a decided advance in its methods of regulating "cuts."

The most praiseworthy feature of the new system is that clause abolishing the old rule of "no cuts" and substituting a "minimum allowance." It could not be reasonably expected that any man could go through an entire term without be forced to cut at least a single class. Under former rulings all delinquents were compelled to live up to this regulation or suffer the penalty of "no cuts" for the ensuing term. Under the new regulations all delinquents will be allowed ten cuts which may be taken at the option of the student. A man who is limited to a minimum allowance will be afforded an opportunity to go through a term without breaking regulations and thus gain his entire allowance for the following term.

Equally praiseworthy is the new rule allowing the substitution of two cuts in one subject for an over-cut in another. Such a regulation will not encourage men to over-cut, but will, however, provide an elastic scale of cuts to fit extreme cases.

The adoption of the new system of allowance should prove extremely successful.

SCIENCE SEMINAR MEETS.

At the meeting of the Political Science Seminar at the home of Prof. Davenport last Wednesday night, the delegates to the convention of the Intercollegiate Civic League made their reports. DuBois, '12, and Grant, '12, were the delegates to the New York convention, and Bates, '12, at the Washington meeting. The New York convention was held Thursday, April 11th. The seventy delegates present were entertained with a luncheon at the Columbia Club, at which the president of the club, Nicholas Murry Butler, made a short address. At the business session held in the afternoon the principal topic of discussion was whether the Civic Clubs of the various women's colleges should be allowed to affiliate with the League. No decision was reached. In the evening there was a banquet and speeches of political interest were made.

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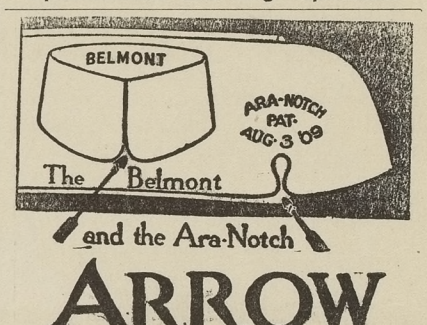

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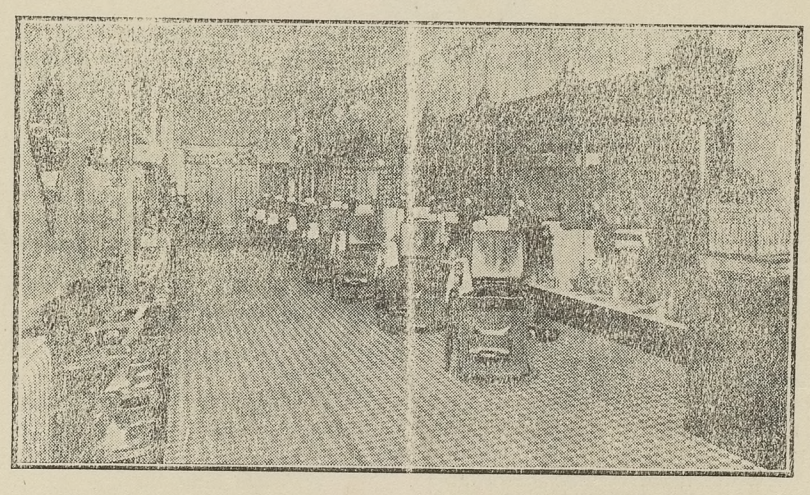
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HILL NOTES.

I. A. Hall, '10, and Colson, '11, were on the hill last week.

Ahlheim, '12, is spending a few days at his home in Brooklyn.

Press Club set-ups are posted in Commons.

K. B. King and Diederlein are out for assistant manager of trtack.

Oliver Branch, '73, a Trustee of this College, has been elected president of the newly organized "Equal Suffrage League" of New Hampshire.

The meeting of the Trustees which was to have occurred April 27th will be held this week Saturday.

The Political Club will hold two more meetings, at the first of which Prof. Davenport will speak. The officers hope to secure Prof. Thomas of Colgate for the second.

The project is being considered of having the four officers of the Y. M. C. A. room in Silliman Hall.

The lower drive at the Psi U House has been altered while a new upper drive has been installed at the Chi Psi Lodge.

Spencer, '09, now a Senior at Auburn Theological Seminary, has been called to a church in the State of Washington, where he will take up the pastorate in the Fall.

The Geologists visited the Clinton Iron Mine last Saturday.

Pentagon met last Thursday evening.

Kultchar, Stone, True, Bristol and Ogden toured to Ithaca Saturday to see the Cornell baseball game.

At Auburn last Saturday and Sunday a conference was held at which all college men who might be interested in entering the ministry were invited. Hamilton had several representatives.

Nanamore, '14, is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home in Rochester.

During the absence of the Rev. James H. Hoadley, D. D., on the Mediterranian tour, his pulpit is being supplied by the Rev. Frank A. Johnson, '68.

An eleven page pamphlet containing in full the Constitution and By-Laws of the General Association for Undergraduate Activities of Hamilton College has just been published.

The Freshmen will play the Clinton High School baseball team to-morrow afternoon on Steuben Field.

The French Seminar met with Prof. Shepard last Friday and finished reading "La Cagnotte." The Seminar in Political Science met with Dr. Davenport Wednesday evening.

No classes were held Tuesday afternoon on account of the funeral of Prof. Ward.

Alexander C. Soper, '67, has offered a prize of $25 to that student of Rome Free Academy who shall write the best essay on the subject "The Delta Artillery Company and the Civil War Campaigns of Its Members." Mr. Soper is a graduate of the Academy.

Professor Davenport delivered the principal address at the annual banquet of Runnymede Lodge, Sons of St. George, at the Park Hotel last Tuesday evening.

Harry E. Dounce, '10, who is with the Syracuse Herald, will address the Writing English Seminar at its meeting this week. The meeting will be held at four oclock in the afternoon to avoid a conflict with the Musical Club's concert that evening in Utica.

F. Hastings Smythe was the leading lady and Murray Hastings, '10, was the hero in a musical comedy presented by the Boston Tech.

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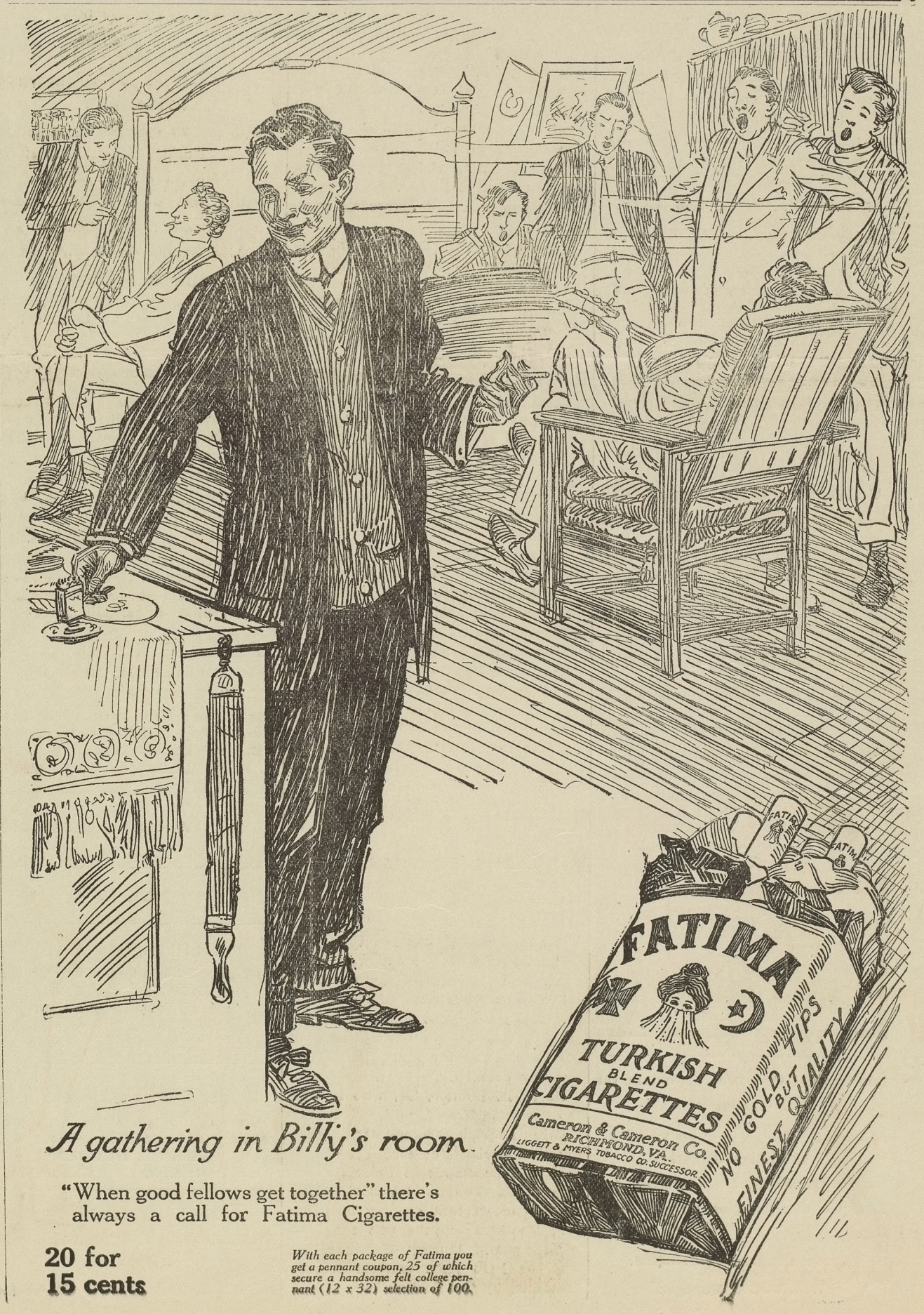

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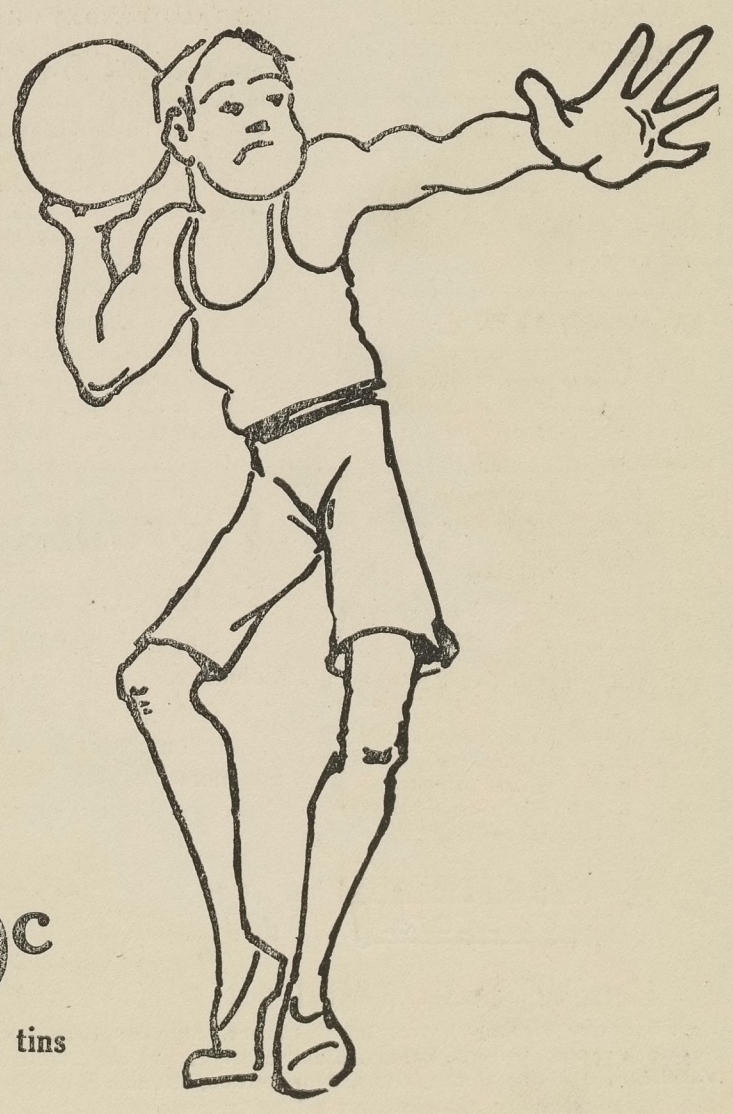

WE'LL HAVE A WINNING TEAM, SAYS THE COACH

Preparations Under Way for Meet With Union May 11—Preliminary Tryouts to be Held on Friday.

Take your marks. Get set. Go! That's the story you'll hear if you wander out to the track any of these days. And you'll notice that the Coach is "there," and seeing to it that the men keep "on their toes" all the time. Probably you'll remark that there are more out than you've ever seen working at track before. You may see "Kultch" raving around and breaking hurdles, but that's aside from the discussion. At any rate, there are enough men out to prove the value of a coach and to predict a successful season.

The coach is pleased, but by no means jubilant. "Of course, the weather has been against us so far," he says, "but just wait a few days and they'll know they're working. I like the squad, and I have my eye especially on two or three men who are showing up very well. From what I saw of last year's team, we'll have a better one this year, and will make Colgate, who is not so strong this year, hustle in the intercollegiate. If the men just keep coming out and are willing to learn—well, I won't do much prophesying, but we'll have a winning team."

In order to impress on the track men the importance of beginning their training early enough to prepare for Union on May 11th, Coach Risley will hold preliminary tryouts next Friday or Saturday. These will not be in any sense elimination trials, but will merely give the coach an idea of what he may expect.

MUSICAL CLUBS AT UTICA

The Musical Clubs will give a concert at the New Century Auditorium in Utica Thursday evening. There is to be a dance afterwards, and it is expected that a large number of men from the Hill will attend. A special car for the benefit of those fellows who stay for the dance will leave Utica about 1 o'clock.

Swarthmore is considering the advisability of adopting the honor system.

WILLARD B. MARSH WINS THE LOCKE FELLOWSHIP

Names of Six Clark Prize Speakers Announced in Chapel—"Tolstoi", "American Oligarchy" Popular.

By a decision of the Faculty announced in Chapel Friday morning the fourth appointment to the Fellowship in Greek, founded by Franklin D. Locke, '64, has been awarded to Willard Bostwick Marsh of Bridgewater. The appointment is for one year to some university in Europe or America and is awarded only to a man who has elected Greek throughout his entire college course. Marsh has not yet determined where he will continue his studies.

Following the award of the Fellowship Dr. Stryker announced the speakers for the Clark Prize Oration contest which will be held Wednesday, May 29. Eight orations were submitted.

The men chosen for the Clark Prize are Bates, Knox, Marsh, Peters, Pratt and Thompson. Bates wrote on "The American Oligarchy," Knox on "Hamilton's Hundred Years," Pratt on "The American Oligarchy," Peters on "Tolstoi," Marsh on "Law and the Criminal," and Thompson on "Tolstoi."

PRIZE STAB TO-MORROW

The Sophomores who have been picked to speak on Prize Stab to-morrow are Barnes, Booth, Dayton, Felt, Jessup, Leavenworth, Lee, Lyon, Marsh and McLean. The Freshmen who will speak next week are Clark, Erhardt, Gray, Harper, Henty, Jessup, Keddy, Kimball, McNair and Miller.

Four men from each of these lists will be selected to speak on Prize Stage Commencement Week. The names will be announced May 10th, at which time also the names of the four Juniors who are to compete will be published.

NIAGARA DEFEATS ROCHESTER

Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 24.—By consistent work with the stick and general good fielding, Niagara University was a 7 to 2 victor over the University of Rochester. Niagara found Schoen, who worked in the box for Rochester, for eleven hits, while Rochester's hits were so scattered that two tallies were their best score. Benzoni, Chesbro and Kaiser starred for Rochester. This is Rochester's second defeat this season. Score by innings:

Niagara .....0 2 2 2 0 0 1 0 0—7
Rochester .....0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—2

Y. M. C. A. ACTIVITIES TO BE EXTENDED THIS YEAR

Many Noted Speakers Including F. N. Seerley, Thomas Jordan, F. N. Jessup to Address Meetings.

C. B. Thompson, '12, president of the Y. M. C. A., has issued a statement containing the plans of the Association for the coming year. Sunday, May 5th, there will be a College dinner at 6 o'clock. An interesting program will be rendered including addresses by Thomas Jordan, secretary of the Utica Y. M. C. A., and Prof. Davenport of the Faculty. Early in May Dr. F. N. Seerley, vice-president of the Springfield Training School, will address the Association on "A Man's Fight." Other speakers who will visit the Hill some time in May are Dr. Holden of Utica and Dr. Frederick N. Jessup, a missionary to Syria.

The Blue Book will be issued June 1st.

Northfield—for which the Y. M. C. A. works every year—will be bigger and better than ever this year. Many noted speakers will be there, including John R. Mott and Robert E. Speer. There is no reason why the College cannot have a large representation this year. The dates, June 21st to 30th, inclusive, do not interfere with Commencement.

"The idea of the Y. M. C. A. for this year," said Thompson, "will be to create a healthy influence among the leaders in College, so that men as they come on here will have an opportunity to lead a real Christian life."

KNOX, '74, DEAD IN KOREA

Prominent Alumnus Dies Abroad on Lecturing Tour.

On Friday, April 26th, at Seoul, Korea, occurred the death of Rev. George William Knox, '74. Rev. Knox was born at Rome in 1853, and not long after his graduation here received the degree of D.D. from Princeton University, and of LL.D. from Hobart College. Rev. Knox has been professor of ethics and philosophy at the Imperial University of Japan, vice president of the Asiatic Society, and lecturer at Yale University. At the time of his death Dr. Knox was abroad on an observation and lecturing tour.

It is estimated that more than 500 students are working their way through Yale. The various means of employment run all the way from tutoring to tending furnaces.

Ground has been broken for a new dormitory at Rochester. It will be the first dormitory building connected with the institution, and when completed will accommodate upwards of seventy students.

Where, O Where Were The Grave Old Seniors? All But Four Desert.

Thompson, Boone, Root and Dubordieu Stand by the President and Hear of Minnows and Whistles—Columbian Question Downs Elmira's Pride.

Thompson, Boone, D. Root, DuBordieu. Ye Power looked at them once carelessly, and then again more searchingly. Could it be possible that these were all that were attending his fine course in debate? And he had cut them a week before! Ah, there was Warren. Warren never failed him. He was a man to rely upon, soliloquised the President as Warren's classic cranium appeared peering in the door. But no one entered and Prex thought he had been mistaken. Could he only have seen Bob doing the 220 around behind the chapel! "Where's the class?"

No answer.

"Didn't they know this class was to recite in the chapel?"

"They knew all right," said Don with a leer.

A fine, sweeping gesture.

"A zero for them all. If they don't come next week they shall write a thesis and be shut out of Prize Debate Appointments. Mr. Thompson," the President coughed, and looked at his pride a bit suspiciously—"but, no; I'll not trust any of you to tell the gentleman. I'll have a private interview with each."

And then, while Duby sat in a far corner and Root and Boone looked each at the other longingly, the President expounded his views as regards Columbia—whether or not United States wronged her in the case of Panama. Inasmuch as this is the subject for the McKinney Prize Debate, a brief survey of the President's illuminating remarks may be of value. "It would make no difference as regards the ethics of this question," he said, "if Columbia should demand one billion dollars for the purpose of stocking the Gulf Stream with minnows. It would be a matter of supreme indifference to us if our sister republic should use the price of Panama for purchasing all the tin whistles in Christendom with a view to planting them in hopes that they would propagate."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell Butler of New York City announces the engagement of their daughter, Miss Eleanor, to Rev. Willard P. Seper, '04, of Castleton.

At the celebration of "Spring Day" at Brown University a few weeks ago the Senior Class adopted a large, polished turtle as its mascot.

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